

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal for consideration of the Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries).

Promotion of agro-based rural industries

†1821. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy of Government to promote agro-based rural industries;

(b) whether Government promotes establishment of such specific agro products based rural industries in areas which are in abundance of such produce;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would contemplate on this fact that when in a particular season excessive vegetables are grown and the farmers have no option except to destroy these vegetables, whether Government would process such vegetables so that farmers could reap its benefits?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) In line with the policy of the Government to generate employment opportunities by promoting mainly rural industries like khadi, village and coir industries, the following programmes and schemes are implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and the Coir Board:

I. Village Industries

- (i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).
- (ii) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) (also implemented in Urban areas).

II. Khadi

- (i) Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme.
- (ii) Rebate Scheme for providing rebate on sales of khadi.
- (iii) Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme (for both khadi and village industries).
- (iv) Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) Scheme (for both khadi and village industries).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (v) Assistance to khadi and village industry (KVI) units to participate in exhibitions at the national, sub-national levels, etc., for improving marketing of products (for both khadi and village industries).

III. Coir

- (i) Development of Production Infrastructure Scheme for coir production through supply of equipment and machinery at subsidised rates.
- (ii) Research and Development Schemes.
- (iii) Mahila Coir Yojana.

In addition, Government has approved implementation of the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for development of 100 clusters of khadi, village and coir industries over five years beginning 2005-06.

The units set up under the REGP as well as those in the khadi and coir sectors are, by and large, located in rural areas and small towns and mostly use local raw materials for value addition through processing.

(d) The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) does not set up any rural industry of its own. However, eligible entrepreneurs in the country are encouraged to set up village industry units (including units for processing perishable agricultural produce like fruits and vegetables) under the REGP.

Loans under PMRY

1822. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: the total amount of loan disbursed by the banks under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in the country during the last three years, and till date, State-wise/Bank-wise/year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): The total amount of loan disbursed in the country by the Banks (year-wise) under Pradhan Mantri Rozga Yojana during the last three years and till date, State-wise and Bank-wise, is given in Statements I and II respectively.